

WARNING & NOTICE  
2016 ANNUAL CITY MEETING

The legal voters of the City of Burlington, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to come and vote at the Annual City Meeting on

Tuesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016

between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in their respective wards, at the voting places hereinafter named and designated as polling places, viz:

Ward One: Mater Christi School, 100 Mansfield Ave.  
Ward Two: H.O. Wheeler School (Integrated Arts Academy), 6 Archibald St.  
Ward Three: Lawrence Barnes School (Sustainability Academy), 123 North St.  
Ward Four: Saint Mark's Youth Center, 1271 North Ave.  
Ward Five: Burlington Electric Department, 585 Pine St.  
Ward Six: Edmunds Middle School, 275 Main St.  
Ward Seven: Robert Miller Community & Recreation Center, 130 Gosse Ct.  
Ward Eight: Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St.

The polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing certain city officers as follows:

WARD ONE – one Ward One Inspector of Election for three-year term beginning April 4, 2016; and in

WARD TWO – one Ward Two Inspector of Election for three-year term beginning April 4, 2016; and in

WARD THREE – one Ward Three Inspector of Election for three-year term beginning April 4, 2016; and in

WARD FOUR – one Ward Four Inspector of Election for one-year term; one Ward Four Inspector of Election for two-year term; one Ward Four Inspector of Election for three-year term beginning April 4, 2016; and in

WARD FIVE – one Ward Five Inspector of Election for three-year term beginning April 4, 2016; and in

WARD SIX – one Ward Six Inspector of Election for three-year term beginning April 4, 2016; and in

WARD SEVEN – one Ward Seven Inspector of Election for one-year term; one Ward Seven Inspector of Election for three-year term beginning April 4, 2016; and in

WARD EIGHT – one Ward Eight Inspector of Election for one-year term; one Ward Eight Inspector of Election for two-year term; one Ward Eight Inspector of Election for three-year term beginning April 4, 2016.

The legal voters shall also vote upon four special articles being placed on the ballot by request of the City Council by Resolutions duly adopted and approved, and one special article being placed on the ballot by request of the Board of School Commissioners by action of the Commissioners duly approved, said special articles being as follows:

1. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

“Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$83,997,063 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,133.35 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.14% higher than spending for the current year. Spending at this level could produce a property tax rate increase of 1.72% (current estimate).”

2. ADVISORY QUESTION RE SECTION OF NORTH AVENUE

“Shall the City Council, Public Works Commission, Department of Public Works, and Administration be advised to keep four lanes open to motor vehicles on North Avenue from the Route 127 access intersection north to the Shore Road intersection?”

3. CHARTER CHANGE TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE POLICE COMMISSION FROM FIVE TO SEVEN MEMBERS

“Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended to increase the size of the Board of Police Commissioners from five to seven members, by amending sections 120 and 183 to read as follows:

Section 120. Enumerated.

There shall be maintained in said City a Board of Assessors consisting of the City Assessor and two legal voters of said City; a Board of Tax Appeals normally consisting of seven legal voters of said City; a Board of Public Works Commissioners consisting of seven legal voters of said City; a Board of Cemetery Commissioners, ~~[a Board of Police Commissioners,]~~ a Board of Light Commissioners, a Board of Fire Commissioners, and a Board of Health, each consisting of five legal voters of said City; a Board of Airport Commissioners consisting of four legal voters of the City of Burlington and one legal voter of the City of South Burlington; a Board of Police Commissioners, consisting of seven legal voters of said City; a Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners, consisting of five legal voters of said City; a Board of Library Commissioners consisting of 10 members; a Board of Planning Commissioners, the members of such boards to be appointed by the City Council with Mayor presiding; a Board of School Commissioners consisting of 12 legal voters of said City and of the respective wards in which they are elected; and a Board of Finance to be

constituted as hereinafter provided.

Section 183. Board of police commissioners; composition; terms.

The board of police commissioners shall consist of [~~five~~] seven legal voters of said city, to be appointed by the city council with mayor presiding to serve for three years and until their successors are appointed and qualified.?"

4. CHARTER CHANGE TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FROM FIVE TO SEVEN MEMBERS

"Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended to increase the size of the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners from five to seven members, by amending sections 120 and 203 to read as follows:

Section 120. Enumerated.

There shall be maintained in said City a Board of Assessors consisting of the City Assessor and two legal voters of said City; a Board of Tax Appeals normally consisting of seven legal voters of said City; a Board of Public Works Commissioners consisting of seven legal voters of said City; a Board of Cemetery Commissioners, a Board of Police Commissioners, a Board of Light Commissioners, a Board of Fire Commissioners, and a Board of Health, each consisting of five legal voters of said City; a Board of Airport Commissioners consisting of four legal voters of the City of Burlington and one legal voter of the City of South Burlington; a Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners, consisting of [~~five~~] seven legal voters of said City; a Board of Library Commissioners consisting of 10 members; a Board of Planning Commissioners, the members of such boards to be appointed by the City Council with Mayor presiding; a Board of School Commissioners consisting of 12 legal voters of said City and of the respective wards in which they are elected; and a Board of Finance to be constituted as hereinafter provided.

Section 203. Commissioners to manage parks; composition of board.

The public parks of the City of Burlington now in existence, and those which may hereafter be established, together with all park property which may be acquired and all public recreational activities hereafter sponsored by the city, shall be under the management, care and control of the city council. The parks and recreation department may likewise co-sponsor recreational activities with other public and/or private agencies. The city council may by resolution delegate any of the powers relating to parks and recreation to the board of parks and recreation commissioners. The board of parks and recreation commissioners shall consist of [~~five~~] seven legal voters of said city, to be appointed as hereinbefore provided.?"

## 5. CHARTER CHANGES TO ADDRESS TIMING AND PUBLICATION OF AUDIT

"Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended by amending section 69 to read:

Section 69. Fiscal year, reports required.

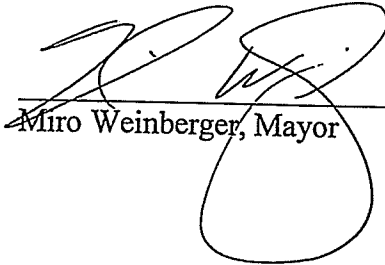
(a) The fiscal year of the city shall begin on the first day of July in one year and end on the thirtieth day of June in the next year. A full record of the revenues and expenditures of all city departments shall be kept; and a clear statement of the affairs of the city generally, including all receipts and disbursements of city moneys shall be published online and be available for inspection upon request. ~~[and-] The name and amount of compensation salary paid to every city employee shall be published in the city's annual report, and [for services from the city of every person receiving such compensation by way of salary] the name and amount of compensation [or] paid to any other individual, to the extent [otherwise] required to be reported to the IRS by 1099 or otherwise, shall also be published online and available for inspection upon request prior to the annual meeting.~~ The annual audit of the city's financial records shall be finalized at least thirty days before the annual meeting [to the amount of three hundred dollars or more per year, shall be published under the direction of the mayor as soon as may be and the city council may determine, but not later than five months after June 30, 1963, and annually thereafter within five months after the close of each fiscal year], or as the city council may by resolution prescribe. [, and any city official responsible in whole or in part for a failure to substantially comply with the provisions of this section shall be ineligible to hold office under the authority of this Charter for the year next ensuing after such failure so to comply with the provisions of this section.] The annual report of the city shall include a summary of the audit and a copy of the management letter, and full copies of each annual audit shall be published online and available upon request.

(b) Each city department that has a commission shall consult with and seek the recommendation of its commission prior to submission of its annual budget to the mayor. ~~[It shall be the duty of those who were members of any board or commission during and just before the close of any fiscal year, though the term of one or more of them as a member of such board or commission may have expired at the close of such fiscal year, to prepare, sign and present to the chief administrative officer after the close of said fiscal year and in time for publication of the same in the city report for that year, in the name and on behalf of such board and commission, a full financial report including all revenues and expenses of all the~~

~~matters and statistics of which a full record is required by this section to be kept by such board or commission during such fiscal year and to be published in the city report.]?"~~

- \* Material underlined added.
- \*\* Material stricken out deleted.

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Miro Weinberger, Mayor

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